



Atty. Dkt. No. 047297-0137

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hisatsugu KURITA *et al.*
Title: SILICON WAFER CLEANING METHOD
Appl. No.: 10/645,911
Appl. Filing Date: 08/22/2003
Examiner: Michail Kornakov
Art Unit: 1746

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on November 16, 2005.

Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.

Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on

Other .

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b. Enclosed are:

- Amendment/Reply.
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).
- Other .

Miscellaneous:

- Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

| | Claims as Amended | Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate | Fee Totals |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | | | | \$790.00 | = \$790.00 |
| Total Claims: | 10 | - 20 | = 0 | x \$50.00 | = \$0.00 |
| Independents | 2 | - 3 | = 0 | x \$200.00 | = \$0.00 |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: | | | + \$360.00 | = \$0.00 | |
| | | | CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: | = | \$790.00 |

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month: | \$120.00 | \$120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$450.00 | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month: | \$1,020.00 | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,590.00 | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | \$2,160.00 | \$0.00 |
| EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL: | | \$120.00 |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: | - | \$0.00 |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL | | \$120.00 |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: | | \$910.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FEE: | | \$910.00 |

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 12/19/05

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